

Pen Selwood Parish Council

Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Committee meeting held at the Village Hall on Wed 9th January 2013

Present Cllr Fitzgerald (Chairman) Cllrs Jenkins ,Clark, Appleton, Rossiter ,Steadman

- 1 Public Open Forum.** No comments from public
- 2 Apologies for absence.** Brian Young
- 3 Notices of Interest** Peter FitzGerald in item 10
- 4 Minutes of last meeting** - Approved for 14th November 2012 with additional wording in item 14 concerning Clapton Farm ,awaiting signature.
- 5 Matters Arising** – Jenny said that the designation of boundaries/area for the Bourton Neighbourhood plan had now been approved.
- 6 Community Plan- Discuss document-** Andrew Jenkins suggested that the ambiguity/Inconsistency the housing section needs to be clarified and Geoff Parcel and Peter agreed that this could be covered in the VDS/Neighbourhood plan. Cost of new web site would be £69 higher than currently (£100) and Clerk urged Geoff to get all bills for payment to him before end of financial year, end Feb 2013 ideally .The Parish Council expressed concerns that the budget was a best guess and voiced concerns over the cost of the Heritage sign to which the PC had offered some financial help .The Parish Council voted to adopt the Parish Plan unanimously and Peter thanked Geoff and his team for all of their hard work over the last year.
- 7 Planning Matters-** Andrew reported that the application to remove the agricultural tie at Belmont Farm had been rejected by a vote of 9 to 1. Clerk to write to Enforcement officer regarding occupied caravan behind Belmont Farm.
- 8 Footpaths Update-** Sharon Rossiter reported Hester Messon and Richard Gething had taken over responsibility for footpaths coordination.
- 9 Highways .** Tony Appleton reported that Wiltshire and Dorset highways were in good order but noted that the few pot holes that were developing did not warrant action yet. Somerset roads were not so good. The reflective strips at Pear Ash Lane along the ditch had been returned to their rightful place but that no progress had been made with the speed restriction at Leigh Common, Tony would follow this up. The Parish Plan had revealed that two new green salt bins were required and Clerk would arrange to have these delivered to Andrew Jenkins house to be placed at Coombe Street (half way up) and Pear Ash Lane. Tony has collected bags of grit from SSCC to partially fill them. The sign at the top of Coombe Street has been “looked at “by highways staff and it was hoped this would trigger some action. There is mud on a lot of the lanes in the village, there was a road sweeper in PSW before Christmas but it missed Pear Ash Lane ,Tony has asked for it to come back. Ian Steadman will look into the cost of buying a road brush so that the Parish may look at cleaning its own roads in future. There are blocked drains all over the village and Tony will ask that they be cleaned out .The worst of these is on Coombe Hill which Tony had asked to be cleared. Timothy Wilson had written a letter regarding a tractor driving over a grass verge to gain easy

access to a field opposite the Village Hall. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the farmer to ask that he ceases to drive over this verge ,makes good the damage and addresses the issue of large farm vehicles being left in the field. It was agreed that the Clerk should then write to the Diocese ,who own the land if no action is taken within 2 weeks. The community plan has also asked that the verges be cut one month later in future and Tony will ask Highways to do this .However we have asked this question before with only moderate success.

10 Iron Railings Coombe Street- Tony Advised that he had taken over this initiative from Sharon as Sharon felt that she needed to be punctilious as she had the contractor do work for her in the past. It had been agreed that a contractor should undertake the work ,starting late January for the sum of £3200.All of this money had been raised through grants which we would seek collection of. Time frame for completion of work ,2 weeks.

11 Encroachment on Common Lands Update – Peter advised that Mr Shears of SSDC had visited the offenders at Leigh Common who had admitted liability and said they would remove the fencing.

12 Funding for web site - Covered in item 6

13 Note Current Government stance on Precept for 2013/2014- Clerk gave details of recent local and central Government activity and stated that he thought the precept request for this year would be safe but that future years requests may be influenced by reserve levels and other financial factors. Clerk was planning to attend a work shop in January to gain a fuller understanding of the developments.

14 AOB- Jenny asked that the ownership of the Defibrillator from the fundraising group to the PC be included in the minutes. Clerk acknowledges that this was the case and that the Defibrillator was now covered by the PC Insurance .Sharon will call Tony Jackson to ask for Defibrillator receipt. Tony asked if the maintenance of the phone box housing the Defibrillator was PC responsibility, Clerk advised that it was. Cliff raised the issue of fly tipping at Salters Hill and Jenny advised she had reported it and it had been cleared.

Dates for next meeting Monday 11th March 2013. Meeting ended 8.55pm

Chairman.....Date.....